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**BANNER
OF WAR**

PART 4

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THOR



**60
YEARS**

THOR is the king of Asgard, having recently taken over for his father, Odin. He is struggling to balance his role as the All-Father with his role as one of Earth's mightiest heroes on the Avengers. Recently, Odin died in battle and his spirit now inhabits Thor's hammer, Mjolnir.

HULK has recently undergone a dramatic transformation. His alter ego, Bruce Banner, has split the Hulk into three distinct parts: The Hulk's body has been turned into a starship. Banner's psyche pilots it from within the Hulk's mind. And the Hulk's psyche fuels the starship with his anger.

HULK VS. THOR BANNER OF WAR

PART FOUR OF FIVE

After **HULK** was accused of murdering a bar full of patrons in El Paso, Texas, **THOR** set out to apprehend him, leading to an all-out brawl between the two titans in the far depths of space.

During their battle, Odin's spirit entered Hulk's mind and connected with Bruce's memories, learning how the events of El Paso have led Bruce to fear that the Hulk's rage is somehow able to pass to the people around him...and worse, how a mysterious, dark force seized control of Bruce's body and killed the bar patrons.

Meanwhile, Iron Man joined Thor in the fight to capture Hulk, but things took a disastrous turn when an enraged Hulk set off a massive gamma explosion that has turned Thor into a Hulked-out God of Thunder!

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AND THEN...THERE
WAS NOTHING.

NOTHING
LEFT...

...BUT
RAGE.

THOR...



RAGE IN THE
THUNDER.

SMASH!!!

RAGHH!!!

AGHH!!!

SWAAHH

VFSSHH

BOOM

THOR!!!

STOP!
THIS ISN'T
YOU!!!
PLEASE...
DON'T MAKE
ME--

RAGHH!!!









AGH!!!



DEAR...DEAR GOD, WHAT IS HAPPENING OUT THERE?

THOR.



HE'S KILLING YOU, BANNER.

YOU TURNED HIM INTO A MONSTER, LIKE YOU.

LIKE... WHATEVER THE HELL YOU ARE...

AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET UP AND STOP BEING SO DAMNED WEAK AND HELP ME BEAT SOME SENSE BACK INTO HIM.



YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT I AM.



WHAT DO YOU NEED?

I HAVE TO GET BACK INTO MY CONTROL CENTER--HULK HAS TAKEN OVER AS THE PRIME PERSONALITY DRIVING THE SHIP.

I HAVE TO TAKE IT BACK.

WELL, ODIN...I HAVE A BIG FAVOR TO ASK...

AYE. IF YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU JUST SAID, THAT IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME. WHAT CAN I DO?







HAGH!
WHERE...?
OKAY...

LITTLE
WARNING NEXT
TIME WOULD
BE GREAT!



MY APOLOGIES.
I THOUGHT THAT
HUGINN AND MUNINN
WERE QUITE
CLEAR.

WAIT, SIF,
THAT WAS YOU?
I THOUGHT
ONLY--

THOR IS
NOT THE ONLY ONE
CAPABLE OF SPEAKING
THROUGH THE
RAVENS. NOW FIND
SHELTER.



I AM
BRINGING MY
KING HOME.



HOLD UP, YOU'RE BRINGING THOR
HERE? I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW
WHAT WAS GOING ON, BUT
HE'S NOT QUITE HIMSELF
RIGHT NOW.

I SEE
EVERYTHING.
YES, THOR IS
LOST. OUT OF
CONTROL.

BUT IF
HE MUST BE
STOPPED...



...IT WILL BE
BY THE SWORD
OF ASGARD.



no...
THOR...

...THOR
WILL NOT...
FALL--



HRRR!!!
NO!!!



AGH!!! THIS...THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

THE
BIFROST...
HE'S...



"...HE'S
FIGHTING IT!"

LIGHT!!!
LIGHT...NO...
TAKE...THOR!!!



AGHHH!!!

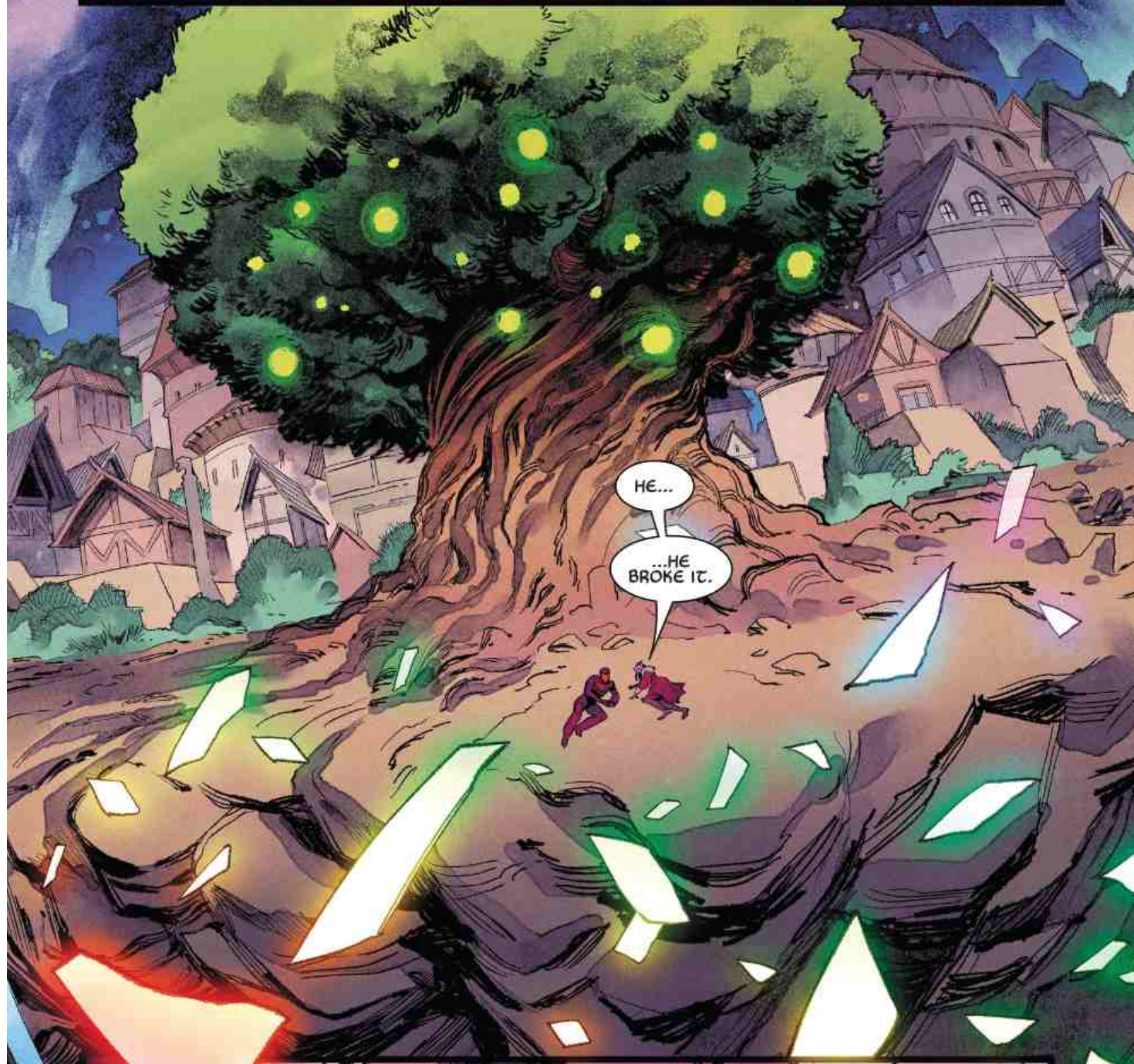




THOR...

...I...I
HAVE FAILED
YOU...







GODS...

HE'S...

...HE'S GONE.



NOT NECESSARILY. I THINK I CAN STOP HIM.

I JUST NEED--

ABSOLUTELY NOT! I AM NOT AIDING YOU IN YOUR QUEST TO LOSE EVEN MORE OF THAT MIND OF YOURS. WE MUST TRY TO SUBDUCE HIM WITH--

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. THAT IS NOT THOR.

THIS...THIS NEW THING I HAVE INSIDE OF ME, TITAN... IT POSSESSES PEOPLE. TURNS THEM INTO KILLING MACHINES. HE'S BASICALLY A WALKING, TALKING VERSION OF WHAT MADE ME WHAT I AM NOW...

AND IF I TRY TO GO TOE TO TOE WITH THOR OUT THERE...TITAN IS GOING TO COME BACK OUT. AND THEN...THIS ALL ENDS... EVERYTHING.



SO...

...ABOUT THAT FAVOR...



HA!
RAINBOW
SCARED OF
THOR!

RAINBOW
RUN AWAY
BACK TO--



RMMBBULL

UGH?



RMMBBULL



RMMMBBULL

HAMMER!
TO--





YOU...

...YOU
STEAL THOR'S
HAMMER!

AYE.



YOU
WANT IT
BACK?



BAAAGHHHH!!!



COME
AND TAKE
IT.



AGHHHHH!!!

RAGHHH!!!



CONCLUDED IN *HULK* #8!

NEXT

BANNER OF WAR

concludes in
HULK #8!

In the final chapter, the Mjolnir-wielding Hulk must try to stop the rage-fueled Thor once and for all. It's the answer to one of comics' all-time greatest questions: Who would win, **THOR OR HULK?!?**



**BANNER OF
WAR CHECKLIST:**

PART ONE - HULK VS. THOR:
BANNER OF WAR ALPHA #1

PART TWO - THOR #25

PART THREE - HULK #7

PART FOUR - THOR #26

CONCLUSION - HULK #8

NEXT ISSUE:

THE KING OF ASGARD MEETS THE KING IN BLACK!



BE SURE TO FIRST READ **HULK #8** TO SEE HOW **THOR** (AND **ASGARD!**) MAKE IT OUT OF THIS, BUT THEN COME BACK HERE NEXT ISSUE FOR **THOR #27**, THE KICKOFF OF A TWO-PART STORY GUEST-STARRING **VENOM** WITH ART BY THE LEGENDARY **SALVADOR LARROCA**!

(AND REST ASSURED, **NIC KLEIN** FANS—**NIC** IS ALREADY HARD AT WORK DRAWING **#29**, THE FIRST PART OF OUR NEXT BIG ARC, “**VALHALLA RISEN**”!)

